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SUBJ: LOS: BIO DATA ON CANADIAN DLEGATION

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1. EXTAFF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN ADDITION TO MINISTERS LISTED REFTL, CANADAN LOS DEL WILL INCLUDE RONALD BASFORD, MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE. CANADIAN OFFICIALS REPORT BASFORD'S INCLUSION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS PORTFOLIO, BUT REFLECTS DESIRE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE FROM WEST COAST CONSTITUENCY. BASFORD IS FROM VANCOUVER.

2. BORN APRIL 22, 1932 AT WINNIPEG, EDUCATED IN LAW AT U. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. ELECTED TO COMMONS 1965. MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS 1968-72; OF URBAN AFFAIRS 1972-74; OF NATIONAL REVENUE 1974-PRESENT. MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN.

3. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF BASFORD'S VIEWS ON LOS MATTERS, AND SUSPECTS HE IS NOT RPT NOT PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED ON THEM. FISHING INTERESTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPPORTS CANADA'S POSITION FOR A 200-MILE ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION ZONE AND CONTROL OF SALMON, AND BASFORD'S INCLUSION IN DELEGATION AN OBVIOUS GESTURE TOWARD THOSE INTERESTS. BASFORD IS WELL
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DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S., AND HAS BEEN PERSONALLY

CLOSE TO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY. HE IS AN
ENGAGING, FRIENDLY MAN, COMPLETELY BALD DUE TO CHILD-
HOOD DISEASE. PORTER

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